

ALLIES' WARSHIPS ARE DAMAGED BY TURKISH GUNS

Dispatches Say Surrender of Smyrna Is Imminent, But International Fleet Is Meeting Considerable Difficulty.

GERMAN CRUISER IS REPORTED DESTROYED

Salonica Reports Goeben, the Mainstay in Defense of Constantinople, to Have Been Hit by Turkish Mine.

BULLETIN. ATHENS, March 15.—Salonica dispatches report that the German cruiser, Goeben, with the Breslau, expected to be the main stay of the Turkish fleet defending Constantinople, has been wrecked by striking a Turkish mine in the sea of Marmora and has been beached in Stenla bay. Her big guns are said to have been dismantled and installed in shore fortifications.

CONSTANTINOPLE (Via Berlin and Amsterdam), March 15.—Warships of the allies have been damaged in their operations in the Dardanelles, it was officially announced here today. This information was given in a statement issued from the war office which also stated that efforts of hostile warships to approach the Turkish mine fields had failed.

The statement is in effect a denial of the allies' claims that they have reduced the forts at the entrance to the Dardanelles, as it says the hostile fleet shelled the forts of Sedd-el-Bahr and Kum Kale, which guard the opening to the straits on the European and Asiatic shores respectively.

The statement follows: "The enemy's ironclads yesterday bombarded at intervals the forts Sedd-el-Bahr and Kum Kale, but their fire was ineffective. A light cruiser attempted to approach the mine fields, but was driven off by the Turkish batteries. Some of the hostile ships were damaged and compelled to retire from the battle line."

FLEET MEETS DIFFICULTY. LONDON, March 15.—While the London dispatches state that the surrender of Smyrna, which is being bombarded, is imminent, advices from Athens indicate that the Anglo-French fleet attacking the Turkish forts on the Dardanelles is meeting with great difficulty.

The dispatches from Athens say that the damage inflicted by the big guns of the Turks have done more damage to the ships of the international fleet than that official reports indicated the fact that the allies' allowed publications of these advices is regarded as significant.

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Athens that British aviators made a reconnaissance of the peninsula of Gallipoli and ascertained that the fire from the super-dreadnaught, Queen Elizabeth, had destroyed the Turkish barracks at Gallipoli and silenced two batteries on the inner strait.

It is reported from Salonika that Field Marshal von der Goltz of the German army, who was sent to Turkey to advise the Turkish general staff, went to Smyrna to direct the defense of the city when it was attacked by the fleet of Admiral Paissier. While the attack was under way, this report adds, the German officer disappeared. This led to rumors that he had been killed but a more likely belief is that he was badly hurt.

Constantinople has been badly harried by the British warships and a section of the city has been destroyed. The fire of the Turkish forts there was methodical and accurate, giving rise to the belief that the big guns were being manned by trained artillerymen from the German army.

Turkish advices say that every ship attacking the Dardanelles was struck by shells by the shore batteries and damaged.

TURKS REPORTED TO HAVE KILLED 60 FAMILIES

BULLETIN. ATHENS, March 15.—Turkish soldiers are reported to have massacred 60 Greek families in the village of Ymer, Asia Minor. At Asik Mussulman troops have terrorized the town, killing six of the native inhabitants and also 40 Greeks. This news created new tension here today, as the Turkish government recently pledged itself to protect all Greeks in Ottoman territory.

DALE CRITTENBERGER WILL SPEAK THURSDAY

State Auditor to Address Democrats at Rally to Be Held by St. Joseph County Wilson Club.

All arrangements have been made for the big democratic rally which will be held Thursday night at the American hall under the auspices of the St. Joseph County Wilson club. Dale Crittenberger, state auditor, will be present and will make a brief address. There will be other speakers but the speeches are to be short as it is proposed to make the evening largely a social one with smoking and good music. A buffet luncheon will be served. The gathering is open to all democrats and friends who care to become affiliated with the Wilson club.

Two United States Citizens Arrested by Mexicans; Forty Men Killed In An Explosion

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Two United States citizens were arrested by Mexican soldiers after fording the Rio Grande river on horseback 15 miles from Nuevo Laredo on last Saturday night, Consul Garrett in Nuevo Laredo informed the state department today. The Americans—L. B. Trentham and J. Coyne—were released yesterday on the request of the consul.

A dispatch from Vera Cruz to the navy department today announced that two vessels laden with coal had been cleared from Progresso for American ports on Saturday.

Another dispatch, one from Admiral Caperton, in command of the American squadron at Vera Cruz, today notified the secretary of the navy that the gunboat Zargosa which had been sent to Progresso to blockade that port, has returned to Vera Cruz.

These dispatches came as a great relief to the Washington administration as it was learned today from a high administration authority that the United States was prepared to take drastic action to keep open the port of Progresso, despite Carranza's decree declaring it closed.

It was stated that government was ready to issue orders to the gunboat Des Moines, which was sent to Progresso on March 2, to resist any interference with the departure of the sisal ships and to take other measures to compel compliance with the American demands.

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LIVES WITHOUT WATER Imprisoned Under Oats Stack Hen Survives Seven Months.

SEYMOUR, Ind., March 15.—Dick Herkamp, a farmer, living in Hamilton township, Jackson county, owns a hen which lived nearly seven months without water. The hen was rescued from a flock of chickens on his farm and he supposed that she had been killed. As he was removing some oats a few days ago, he found the hen near the bottom of a stack alive and well. The hen had been imprisoned in the stack since early last fall. There was no way by which the hen could have reached a water supply. She had eaten all the oats grains within reach.

RUSSIANS READY FOR A NEW OFFENSIVE

Czar Nicholas Returns from Finland and Leaves for Western Front.

PETROGRAD, March 15.—Emperor Nicholas returned from Finland last night and left for the western front today. While the czar was speeding to the army headquarters in Poland reports were in circulation in official circles that he is now completely satisfied with the recent conduct of military affairs and that he intends to get first hand information as to the actual situation.

Another report is to the effect that the Russians are ready for a new offensive movement on an extensive scale and that it will be launched immediately on the emperor's arrival at the front. He is expected to visit all the battle areas in Poland. Coincidentally with the emperor's departure it was officially announced that the Germans are sending heavy reinforcements in the province of Suwalki. Another great battle is imminent west of the Niemen river as a result.

"Gen Hindenburg's best troops have apparently moved into Suwalki province in only a few days," it was said. "The situation with which the army continues to suffer under the vigorous raids of the Russian cavalry," says the Army Messenger, "Eichhorn's rear guard tending itself among the small lakes around Simso, fighting stubbornly until the arrival of reinforcements."

"This will necessitate the moving of a greater volume of Russian troops from the Niemen. A big German army of inferior quality is being pushed back by the Russians on the Orzyc river near Chorzels. The Russian force facing this horde consists mainly of the tenth Russian army, which the German general staff decided to have been wiped out a month ago."

"It is believed the German armies spread across the Bobr river to the north. The Germans' attempts against our positions along the Narew river resulted in a remarkable fiasco. At dawn on Friday the Russian army, entrenched on both sides of the Orzyc, came panic-stricken without any attack from the Russians and fled northward, leaving a great supply of rifles and ammunition in the trenches. The estate was valued at approximately \$25,000 and it is probable that if the case had gone to trial it would have proceeded through two weeks or more."

According to the will it is said that the plaintiff received only \$500. By the terms of the settlement he will receive a substantial share of a 31-acre farm located on the Michigan av. road.

DANCES FEATURE OF
HIBERNIAN BANQUET

One of the attractive features of the Hibernian banquet Sunday evening at the Oliver hotel was the fancy dancing of Edwin Mann, assisted by eight of his pupils. Mr. Mann is a specialist in folk dances. He will be the principal dancer in "The Wearing of the Green" to be given at the Blackstone hotel, Chicago, on Easter Monday. The pupils who assisted him Sunday evening were Misses Anna McCartney, Marjorie Meacham, Louise Fritz and Catherine Michels, and Masters Howard Daveline, Edmund Luther, Jo-Zengarie and Harold Winkler. Mr. Mann came originally from Athlone, Ireland, and is residing temporarily in South Bend.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS. NEW YORK, March 15.—Steamships sailing today: None. On Sunday: Liverpool; Adriatic; from Liverpool; Martin Saenz, from Cadix; Hudson; from Bordeaux; American, from Bordeaux; Athens, from Gibraltar.

Short talk, pleaded for Sunday schools and urged all the men to talk peace and take no sides in the war.

E. K. Warren, president of the International association, made a short speech in which he urged a cooperation of all church and Sunday school men in the contemplated fight for local option.

From 5 until 7 o'clock this evening a reception will be held in the Y. M. C. A. lobby for all who desire to meet Mr. Lawrence. At 7:30 a dinner will be served. At 8 o'clock Mr. Lawrence will address the mass meeting at the high school.

Warren, Lawrence and Other Leaders Speak at Luncheon—Meeting Tonight.

E. K. Warren, president of the International Sunday School association; Marian Lawrence, general secretary of the International association; W. C. Pearce, superintendent of the adult division of the association; Dr. George H. H. Smith, director of the Detroit Festive chorus; Bert Cashman, business manager of the international officers and George Bond, photographer, arrived in South Bend shortly after 1 o'clock Monday morning to hold a series of meetings during the day in the interests of Sunday school work. Each man is held an expert in the Sunday school work.

The big meeting of the day will be that at the auditorium of the high school tonight. The general public is invited to hear Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Pearce speak.

Shortly after arriving this morning the party was taken to the high school where Mr. Lawrence addressed the assembly. Then the party came back to the Y. M. C. A. where Mr. Lawrence spoke for half an hour to 170 business men at a luncheon. Mr. Pearce in the meantime conducted a similar meeting in Mishawaka.

In his talk to local business men Mr. Lawrence stated that the American Sunday school is the greatest good citizenship factory in the world. But figures show, he said, that only a mere handful of those who should be in Sunday school are attending. Out of 109,000,000 men and women, boys and girls in North America, only 18,000,000 are in Sunday school, he said. He urged a greater interest in Sunday school work by the men.

Mostly Women in Churches. There are today 3,000,000 more women in the churches and Sunday schools than men, he said. There are five times as many children out of Sunday school than in and over 20,000,000 under 20 years old who are not members of any Sunday school.

"It's the women and girls who have kept the church and the Sunday school from the scrap heap," he asserted.

W. O. Davies presided at the meeting. J. M. Studebaker, who made a

U. S. WILL SEND PROTEST SOON ON SINKING OF FRYE

Communication Will Be Sent to German Government Tuesday Unless Kaiser's Government Sends Explanation.

AMERICAN OFFICERS
EXAMINE GERMAN SHIP

Naval Board Will Report on Extent of Repairs Necessary to the Cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich in U. S. Harbor.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The United States will send a protest to Germany not later than tomorrow on the sinking of the ship, William P. Frye, by the German cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich unless in the meantime Germany should forward a communication to the United States on the subject. This was learned from an official source today.

The state department today waited for the owners of the William P. Frye to present their claim for damages for the sinking of the ship by the German raider, Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

With the full story of how the American wheat ship was sunk by the Kaiser's auxiliary cruiser and other facts relative to the affair covered in the statement of Capt. Kiehne there remained only the preparation for the formal claims to be made to Germany.

Will Take Several Days. It was stated in official circles that work on these papers will require several days and that the government representations will be made in the hope that Germany will come forward with an indication as to her probable attitude in the matter of reparation and other measures of redress.

While these developments occupied the attention of the law officers of the government the question of the length of stay of the Eitel at Newport News was before the treasury and navy departments. The board named by the secretary of the navy to determine the nature of the repairs required by the Eitel was expected to complete its work and make a report some time today.

The opinion still prevailed among officials, however, that the German ship would be interned and that until Germany has indicated what she proposes to do the government would let this matter, as well as the alleged detention of the Prinz Eitel of a member of the crew of the Frye remain in status quo.

**AMERICAN OFFICERS ARE
EXAMINING GERMAN SHIP.** NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 15.—American naval officers today made an examination of the German cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich to determine how long the cruiser will have to remain here in order to be rendered seaworthy.

The members of the naval board of survey that inspected the German ship are Naval Constructors Dubose, U. S. N., Lieut. Com. Norris and Lieut. Allen. A report will be made to the navy department in Washington as soon as possible.

It was intimated that Capt. Thierichens, of the Prinz Eitel Friedrich, has given no order to the Newport Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co. for any repairs other than those already made. This is regarded as further evidence that the German officer will intern his ship here rather than risk her destruction by putting to sea where powerful British warships are lying in wait for the German vessel.

Would Give Battle. Details of an interesting conversation between Capt. Thierichens and the commander of the French liner, the Prinz Eitel Friedrich, which was making her way to this port, were related today. Knowing that the crippled German ship was being pursued by British men-of-war, the French skipper asked the German commander what he would do if a British warship was signalled.

"I would fly signals advising them that we have women and children belonging to the allies on board," Capt. Thierichens replied.

"But what if the ship refused to believe that statement?"

"Then I would have to give battle with the women and children on board my ship."

**GOVERNOR SIGNS BILL
FOR LAKE FRONT PARK**

INDIANAPOLIS, March 15.—That the riparian rights bill introduced by Sen. Kinder, and passed on the last day of the general assembly, has become a law with the governor's signature was definitely learned today after some confusion regarding its fate had existed. This bill enables Gary to establish a lake front park and playgrounds.

Sen. Maston's bill relating to land titles, which also passed on the last day of the legislature, was permitted to die, the governor objecting to its provisions.

**INDIANAN IS INSTANTLY
KILLED BY A TRAIN**

RACINE, Wis., March 15.—Martin Swenson of Wayne, Ind., was instantly killed last night when he stepped in the path of a passenger train on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, west of here. A companion, T. Kroft, also of Wayne, was struck by the engine but escaped with slight injuries.

Latest Bulletins From War Zone

LONDON, March 15.—Private advices from France that Gen. Joffre commander-in-chief of the French army, had a narrow escape from death whilst watching experiments with a new explosive. An officer standing beside Gen. Joffre was killed and the French commander sustained painful injuries to his right arm.

LONDON, March 15.—(By mail)—News has just leaked out that the Germans made an unsuccessful attempt a few nights ago to raid the east coast with aircraft, but they were beaten off before they could do any damage.

PETROGRAD, March 15.—Russian forces operating in the Trans-Caucasus region are advancing and the Turks are falling back, it is reported from Russian headquarters in Tiflis in the following official dispatch:

"Our troops, having concentrated themselves on the approaches to Dzansul pass, are advancing vigorously broadsiding from that point toward Khopa. The Turks have been dislodged from their positions. Attempts by the Turks to undertake a half-hearted offensive in certain directions failed."

PARIS, March 15.—A slight reverse for the British at St. Eloi, Flanders, is admitted in the official communiqué issued here this afternoon. It says that the German machine guns in the trench, drove back the British forces. Later, however, the British regained past lost ground by a counter attack.

PARIS, March 15.—The efficiency of the French artillery fire is shown by the following official statement issued by the war office this afternoon:

"The withering effect of the French gun fire is shown from a letter taken from a wounded Bavarian. In one bombardment by French artillery 390 Germans were killed and 600 wounded. Sixty-four guns fired 8,000 shells, the cost of which was \$1,000,000."

**GERMANS SINK THREE
MORE BRITISH SHIPS**

English Admiralty Admits Submarines Have Destroyed More Merchant Vessels.

LONDON, March 15.—Three British merchant vessels, the Floranza, Headlands and Hartdale, have been sunk by German submarines, their destruction was officially admitted by the admiralty today in a dispatch confirming earlier unofficial reports to the same effect.

The Floranza was a new steel steamer of 2,326 tons. She was torpedoed at the mouth of Bristol channel on March 11, while crossing to England from Havre after landing there a cargo of cotton brought from Galveston. She was commanded by Capt. Causey.

The Headlands was a steel ship of 2,838 tons. She had also been used in the American trade, under command of Capt. Lugg. This vessel was torpedoed on March 12 off the Scilly Islands.

The Hartdale was sunk by a torpedo on March 13 in the Irish sea. According to Capt. Lugg of the Headlands, the submarine that sunk his vessel was the U-29, now commanded by Capt. von Dönitz.

This German officer was formerly commander of the submarine U-9, which sank the British cruiser Aboukir, Cressy and Hogue last fall. The U-29 is one of the most powerful underwater boats in the German navy and Weddigen was given command of her because of his exploits with the U-9.

**CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES
COMPLETES ALL ITALY'S
PREPARATIONS FOR WAR**

Passes Bill with Little Opposition Providing for Economic and Military Defense.

ROME, March 15.—Italy is now completely prepared for war. While there is no intimation that this country will step aside from her policy of strict neutrality, the last step in the campaign of mobilization was taken last night when the chamber of deputies, almost without a dissenting vote, passed a bill providing for economic and military defense. It goes into effect today.

The feature of the debate upon the measure was the speech of Signor Orlando, minister of justice, who replied to criticism of a socialist member who maintained that the law opposed the liberty of the people.

"Between liberty and safety the nation would not hesitate, but would choose the latter," declared the minister of justice. This statement was received with loud cheers, many of the members standing up on chairs during the demonstration.

Pessimistic rumors concerning the Austro-Italian situation are again current. It is reported that mail train service between Bologna and Vienna will be abandoned and that postal money order service will be suppressed also.

While there were reports in diplomatic circles that the representatives of Prince von Buelow had been rejected in vatican circles it was said that the negotiations were going forward in a satisfactory manner.

Police prohibitions of all demonstrations on Sunday failed to have the desired effect. A number of republicans paraded through the streets calling "Hurrah for Trieste." They refused to disperse when ordered to do so, and were charged by the police.

ROBERTS FEARED DOUBLE-CROSS BY SHERIFF SHEA

So Declares Martin Miller Testifying in Conspiracy Case Before Federal Court—Evidence of Bad-Blood.

**MILLER TELLS HOW
ROLLS WERE "PADDED"**

Former President of Terre Haute Bank Who Served Term in Prison First Witness for Prosecution Monday.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 15.—Mayor Don M. Roberts of Terre Haute feared that Sheriff Dennis Shea of Vigo county would double-cross him in the last election, according to charges of Martin Miller, who testified in federal court today in the Terre Haute conspiracy case.

"Roberts said he wanted me to serve on the election board because he thought Dennis Shea was going to try to steal all the votes there," Miller said. "In substance again he said, 'Roberts said he was afraid they were going to double-cross him.'"

This was the first time the "bad blood" existing between Roberts and Shea has been reported by different attorneys and Shea had been quoted as saying he was through with Roberts.

Another feature of Miller's testimony was the strange conduct he said Judge Eli Redman and Mayor Roberts placed on the election laws. Although he lived a mile away from precinct A of the sixth ward, he said Roberts and Redman told him he had a right to serve on the registration board in the precinct. Miller detailed the "padding" of the registration there. He said Jack Hines told him that Roberts and Redman had 700 or 800 registered from that precinct and he estimated there were between 400 and 500 legal voters there.

Registered Absences. Miller, a convict, a progressive member of the board of Aldermen, registering "absentee" application of prisoners in jail, of Miller implying that he wanted to get some of the "undertaking work" from the city hall, and of "the judge South helping make out registration applications."

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